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Via email

Emma Best

Re: Public Records Request – “Copies of any emails, letters, memos or other records of consultations regarding public records requests (FOI/FOIL/FOIA etc) with either the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency components.”

Dear Ms. Best:

This serves as initial response to your August 26, 2019 Public Record Request directed to the Rhode Island State Police for the above-referenced information. Your request is governed by the Access to Public Records Act contained in R.I.G.L. Chapter 38-2. In response to a request for public records, an agency is required to make available for public disclosure those records that are responsive to a request, are in the possession of the agency and are not otherwise exempted from disclosure.

After careful review of your request, it is not clear what documents you are seeking. In an effort to provide any and all responsive documents, if any, to your intended request, please contact our office in writing to clarify what you are requesting. In the interim, the time for this Department to respond is hereby tolled pending clarification.

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-8, you have the right to appeal this to Colonel James M. Manni, Superintendent, Rhode Island State Police, 311 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857. Or you may file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903, or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the record(s) are maintained.

I respectfully await your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Sholes".

Adam J. Sholes, Esq.

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